

**Horsham District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 23 September 2021**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A7</b></p>	<p>Housing Strategy 2021 - 2026</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To approve the Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2021-2026.</li> <li>ii) To delegate authority to the Relevant Cabinet Member to monitor performance against the Delivery Plan with periodic updates being presented to Cabinet following the Strategy's adoption.</li> <li>iii) To note that this Strategy is the first step in a multi-stage approach, as set out in section 3 of this report.</li> </ul> <p><b>TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv) That the Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2021-2026 be adopted.</li> </ul> <p>REASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To ensure the Council fulfils its statutory responsibility of having a current Housing and Homelessness Strategy.</li> <li>ii) To give the Housing and Homelessness Service clear direction and objectives that will guide decision-making, projects and priorities over the next five years.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A8</b></p>	<p>Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy update</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To note the changes in the Council's financial position in 2021/22 and the medium-term.</p>

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		<p>REASON</p> <p>The Council needs to acknowledge the effects of the local situation occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued impact this is having on its financial position both in the short and medium-term. This has moved the Council from what has been a long-term healthy financial position to one with predicted deficits. However, given the level of uncertainty in the projections, the economy and proposed Government action the report does not recommend direct action to reduce expenditure at this stage.</p>
A9	Local Enforcement Plan and CIL Enforcement Policy	<p><b>TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL</b></p> <p>i) That the Local Enforcement Plan be adopted.</p> <p>ii) That the CIL Enforcement Policy be adopted.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>i) <u>Local Enforcement Plan</u></p> <p>It is necessary to update the adopted March 2016 Local Enforcement Plan to take account of current legislation and the review of the Planning Compliance service which was undertaken by the Planning Advisory Service in 2019.</p> <p>ii) <u>CIL Enforcement Policy</u></p> <p>In order to publicise the penalties for non-payment of the CIL charges and to ensure that the Council does not lose out financially by non-payment and having to carry out additional tasks as a result of non-payment.</p>

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<b>A10</b>	Consultation on draft Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for London Road and Richmond Road, Horsham and Horsham Town Centre	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To approve the draft Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans, which include proposed boundary changes, for public consultation.</li> <li>ii) To approve that the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development, be given delegated authority to agree minor editorial changes prior to publication.</li> </ul> <p>REASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To enable Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans to be produced to help guide development in the London Road, Richmond Road and Horsham Town Centre Conservation Areas in Horsham.</li> <li>ii) To give the Cabinet Member delegated authority to approve minor changes to the document, without the need for it to be referred back to Cabinet.</li> </ul>
<b>A11</b>	Grounds Maintenance Contract Award	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To approve the award of the grounds maintenance contract to the highest scoring bidder, on the terms recommended, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report (exempt).</li> <li>ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services, to finalise terms and conditions and to enter into the contract with the highest scoring bidder.</li> </ul>

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		REASON To enable the Council to continue to carry out grounds maintenance services across the parks and countryside portfolio.
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